

BOOK NOTICES

MIROSLAV M. GRANDTNER (compiler). 2005. **Elsevier's Dictionary of Trees. Volume 1: North America with Names in Latin, English, French, Spanish and other Languages.** (ISBN 0-444-51784-7, hbk.). Elsevier B.V. Radarweg 29, P.O. Box 211, 1000 AE Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS. (Orders: www.elsevier.com). \$199.00, 1489 pp., 6 1/2" × 9 1/2".

The general compiler, Miroslav M. Grandtner, had numerous scientific collaborators to help with this incredible index. Each entry (genus and species) is numbered and the names bolded for easy reference and includes author of the name, family (with distribution), synonym(s), and common names (sometimes with specific country noted). The list tallies up some 8,778 entries which includes genera. "Indexes" include **1**) List of Synonyms of Latin Names; **2**) English Names; **3**) Noms Français; **4**) Nombres Españoles; **4**) Other Names [languages]; and concludes with **5**) Trade Names.

Texas A&M University Press

JOHN WATSON, CAROLE PETERSON, and DEANNA PAYNE. 2005. **In Our Backyards: Public and Private Gardens of the Texas Coastal Bend.** (ISBN 0-9766235-0-1, hbk.). Botanical and Nature Institute of South Texas, Inc. d.b.a. the Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. (Orders: Texas A&M University Press, 4354 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4354, U.S.A. (979-458-3982, 979-847-8752 fax). \$39.95, 120 pp., color photos, 11" × 8 1/4".

Publisher comments.—"This wonderful new book showcases efforts of area gardeners to beautify our region, discusses environmental issues facing the Coastal Bend, and links these topics by showing how gardeners and landscapers effectively can address environmental issues which concern us all."

And to help showcase these gardens are beautiful and crisp color photographs.

TIMOTHY BRUSH. 2005. **Nesting Birds of a Tropical Frontier: The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.** (ISBN 0-58544-490-1, pbk.). Texas A&M University Press, 4354 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4354, U.S.A. (Orders: 979-458-3982, 979-847-8752 fax). \$24.95, 245 pp., color photos, 4 maps, 6 1/4" × 9 1/4".

Contents.—Preface, Introduction, The Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, Ecological Diversity and history, Habitats and Birds of the Valley, The Spectacular, Annual Cycle, Breeding Birds of the Valley, Species, Accounts and Summaries, Concluding Remarks, References, and Index.